justice of equal opportunity to all citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The applicants did not meet the requirements of the selection criteria.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir. There is no cause of action.

Pricing of Naphtha

1186. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to dismantle the APM for Naphtha supplies to IPPs in India;

(b) if so, how the Naphtha price for supplies to IPPs will be determined; and

(c) what will be the saving in oil pool deficit on account of such pricing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) As per the latest supply demand balance for Naphtha/FO/LSHS, there will be a deficit of these products in the country even without considering demand of IPPs. Therefore, almost the entire IPP demand has to be met through imports. PSU Oil Campanies are gearing up to meet this challege. In this regard, it has been decided that pricing of liquid fuels for IPPs would be outside the administered pricing mechanism (APM) and there will be no linkage, in any manner, with the oil pool account. The pricing will be on import cost basis which is the most transparent method and will include CIF price, Customs duty, CVD, port charges plus service charges for handling storing and other service functions of the oil companies and the transportation cost from the port to IPPs locations. The pricing and supply of Naphtha for IPPs will have no relation and impect on oil pool deficit.

Model for Supply of liquid Fuel

1187. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently finalised a Model FSA for liquid fuel supply by public sector oil companies to IPPs in India;

(b) if so, the salient features of the draft FSA including fuel risk allocation proposed; and

(c) whether the said draft FSA has been confirmed as bankable by prospective project lenders including Indian Financial Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF- PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The model fuel supply agreement has not yet been finalised. Discussions are on with IPPs, project lenders including Indian Financial Institutions and Ministry of Power on the basis of a draft model FSA.

Increase of Quota of LPG Distributors

1188. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for increase of quota of LPG distributors;

(b) the number of requests from the LPG distributors received to increase their consumers during 1996-97 till date;

(c) whether all the requests have been considered;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Due to product constraint. LPG connections are released, in a phased manner, keeping in view the annua).